

From W. F. S. Alston.<sup>32</sup>

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Goldsboro',

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My object in this communication is to get an office. I am Editor and Proprietor of [the] Whig paper in this place. You know the strong opposition with which I am surrounded, to wit: *Nash, Edgcombe, Duplin, Lenoir*, etc. I have a very fine circulation in the Eastern Counties, but my subscribers are scattered over such a large territory that it does not pay to collect, etc.

I am no printer by trade, & have to hire my work done. It took all my capital to buy my stock, & my subscribers "go on tick," while I have to pay cash for all I buy. I can sell out to a *Whig*—a man of talent and a good printer—but can get nothing in return until he makes it. I shall stop the publication of my paper. I have a family to support, and I can't work for nothing. I can get recommendations from *all* the prominent *Whigs* of the State. I have received lately several flattering letters in relation to the ability and tack with which I Edited my paper.

North Carolina has never had any of the publick officers. Why should she not? I want an office worth \$500. or more, not less. I am anxious about it. I do not expect to hold it but two years, & then I will return to N. C. & have capital sufficient to keep up a *Whig press*. I am a young man, and a determined politician for life.

If you will let me know where I can get a situation, I will come forthwith to Washington City. I expect to come the first of Sept: anyhow. I must have an office, I have spent what little I had for the party.

I was raised in Wake Co: my father was raised near "Stagsville" in the North West corner of Wake Co. Hon. Willie P. Mangum's wife was my father's cousin.

Ask W. P. Mangum concerning *Geo: L. Alston, of Wake Co: near Rogers' Store*.

My Mother was a *Warren*—Sister to Nath'l Warren, Dec'd, of Wake Co: who was a candidate for the Legislature in Wake Co: vs J. B. Shepherd & *Sam'l Whitaker*.

I have said probably too much.

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